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To Members of the Labor Committee:

Re: House Bill 6187 AAC Paid Sick Leave

It has just come to my attention that an effort is again being made to mandate most Connecticut employers to provide paid time off for sick leaves. Please add me to the count of Connecticut citizens who **STRONGLY OPPOSE** this unreasonable and costly legislation, which would put an undue burden on many employers.

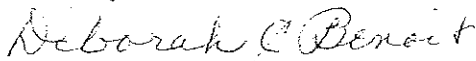
In addition to the obvious cost of paying for this benefit and lost production time, its proposed payment of 1 hour paid time off for every 40 hours each employee works would create an administrative nightmare, especially for smaller employers with limited human resource capabilities. Most large employers already provide similar benefits to their employees, and the smaller and mid-sized ones simply can't afford it and don't have the staff to administer it.

In today's economic environment, especially in Connecticut, it is completely unreasonable for you to even consider adding more burdens and costs to our employers who are already struggling not just to compete but also to simply survive! Such a mandate would certainly increase costs and prevent our businesses from being as competitive as possible.

For these reasons, **I urge the Labor Committee to reject HB-6187** as a harmful and unnecessary measure to Connecticut's businesses and economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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